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Meeting Minutes Special City Council

*THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL MEETS CONCURRENTLY AS
THE FORT BRAGG MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
AND THE FORT BRAGG REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR
AGENCY*

Monday, March 19, 2018

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N Main Street

Otsuchi Visitor Reception Event

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peters called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Lindy Peters, Vice Mayor Will Lee, Councilmember Michael Cimolino, Councilmember Bernie Norvell and Councilmember Dave Turner

1. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The Mayor called for a moment of silence for fallen Deputy Sheriff Ricky DelFiorentino, who died in the line of duty on this day in 2014.

1A. [18-083](#) Welcoming of Visitors from Fort Bragg's Sister City - Otsuchi, Japan

Mayor Peters made opening remarks after donning a shirt gifted to him from the City of Otsuchi. He introduced each Councilmember and the City Manager. Veronica Bazor, program coordinator, noted that this is the second full exchange for the program. Fort Bragg students went to Otsuchi in September, and Otsuchi students are visiting now. Ms. Bazor reported that the exchange will occur every other year starting with 2020; there will be no exchange next year. She introduced Will Tomson, Japanese translator and teacher. Will thanked everyone for the special City Council session and introduced the seven students: Maiko Yachi, Riri Kamaishi, Airi Takashimizu, Anna Tanaka, Konatsu Nagai, Kaname Miura, and Aina Dote. All of the students stepped up to the microphone and introduced themselves, adding "Nice to Meet You." Will said these students all applied to the program and were selected as being the best to represent their community. The co-chaperones, Yuuka Iwama and Toshiya Yonezawa, made brief remarks. Yuuka-san said she came here two years ago and appreciated the cultural exchange association and thanked the City Council. Yonezawa-san thanked the Council for the invitation to Fort Bragg and said he was deeply moved by the hospitality and kindness. Ms. Bazor then introduced the host students, Sofia Twomey, Fernanda Ramirez, Athena Anderson, and Lorelei Hyodo of Fort Bragg.

Will Tomson played a video message to the citizens of Fort Bragg from the Mayor of Otsuchi, Kouzo Hirano.

There was a gift exchange between the Sister Cities. Mayor Peters welcomed the students on behalf of Fort Bragg and introduced Sharon Davis of the Chamber of Commerce who presented a specially chosen gift, a hand-made glass lamp in the shape of a jelly fish from Glass Fire Gallery, in memory of the former Otsuchi Mayor who died during the 2011 tsunami. Otsuchi presented a

framed photograph of costumed dancers performing a traditional Japanese dance. The photo was taken by the grandfather of one of the students who came to Fort Bragg last year.

This item was ceremonial only; no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Peters adjourned the meeting at 6:29 PM.

LINDY PETERS, MAYOR

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)